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VIA: Acting Chief, Liaison Division, OLL

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Liaison Division, OLL

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SUBJECT: H.R. 1018: To Establish a Commission to
Review Federal Retirement Systems

1. A copy of the subject bill and the introductory comments is attached. It was introduced on 20 February by Representative Bill Archer (R., TX) and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

2. This bill is intended to set up a bi-partisan commission to examine the Federal civilian and military retirement systems. The focus would be on the long-term financial requirements of the systems.

3. The House Committee does not intend to move on Archer's legislation. The Committee is already studying Federal civilian retirement and the House does not intend to take up military retirement any time soon. Archer has in the past been a strong proponent of reducing the growth of Federally-paid benefits in order to reduce the Federal deficit.

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PURPOSE

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SEC. 3. (a) The Commission shall examine the Federal civilian and military retirement systems to assess the long-term financial requirements of each system in light of both projected benefits under each system and anticipated receipts attributable to each system.

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(b) After assessing each system under subsection (a), the Commission shall recommend such changes in the benefits under either system and in the funding of either system as the Commission considers appropriate. Such recommendations shall be included in the final report to be transmitted to Congress under section 7 of this Act.

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MEMBERSHIP

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SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall be composed of seventeen members, who shall be appointed within thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows:

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(1) Five members shall be appointed by the President from among officers or employees of the executive branch or private citizens of the United States, or both, not more than three of whom may be of the same political party.

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(2) Five members shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from among Members of the Senate or private citizens of the United States, or both, not more than three of whom may be of the same political party.

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1 (b) The Executive Director and staff of the Commission
2 shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5, United
3 States Code, governing appointments in the competitive serv-
4 ice, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of
5 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title
6 relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

7 (c) The Commission may procure temporary and inter-
8 mittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United
9 States Code.

10 POWERS OF COMMISSION

11 SEC. 6. (a) The Commission of any member it author-
12 izes may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold such
13 hearings, sit and act at such times and places, request such
14 attendance, take such testimony, and receive such evidence
15 as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission or
16 any such member may administer oaths or affirmations to
17 witnesses appearing before the Commission.

18 (b) The Commission may acquire from any Federal de-
19 partment or agency information that it considers useful in the
20 discharge of its duties. Upon request of the Chairman, the
21 head of such department or agency shall furnish such infor-
22 mation to the Commission to the extent permitted by law.

23 (c) The Commission may request the head of any Feder-
24 al department or agency to assign, with or without reim-
25 bursement, any personnel of such agency to the Commission

1 to assist in carrying out the Commission's duties under this
2 Act.

3 (d) The Commission may solicit, accept, use, and dis-
4 pose of donations of money, property, or services.

5 (e) The Commission may use the United States mails in
6 the same manner and under the same conditions as other
7 Federal departments and agencies.

8 (f) The Administrator of General Services shall provide
9 to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administra-
10 tive support services as the Commission may request.

11 **REPORTS**

12 **SEC. 7.** The Commission shall transmit to Congress and
13 the President such interim reports as it considers appropriate
14 and shall transmit a final report to Congress not later than
15 ten calendar days after the One-hundredth Congress assem-
16 bles. The final report shall contain (1) a detailed statement of
17 the findings and conclusions of the Commission, and (2) rec-
18 ommendations for such legislation or administrative action as
19 the Commission considers appropriate. Any recommendation
20 submitted under this section shall be accompanied by provi-
21 sions specifying the method by which and the time over
22 which such recommendation may be phased in without caus-
23 ing undue interruption to the existing Federal civilian and
24 military retirement systems.

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TERMINATION

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2 SEC. 8. The Commission shall terminate ninety days
3 after its final report is transmitted to Congress under section
4 7 of this Act.

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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

6 SEC. 9. There are authorized to be appropriated such
7 sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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